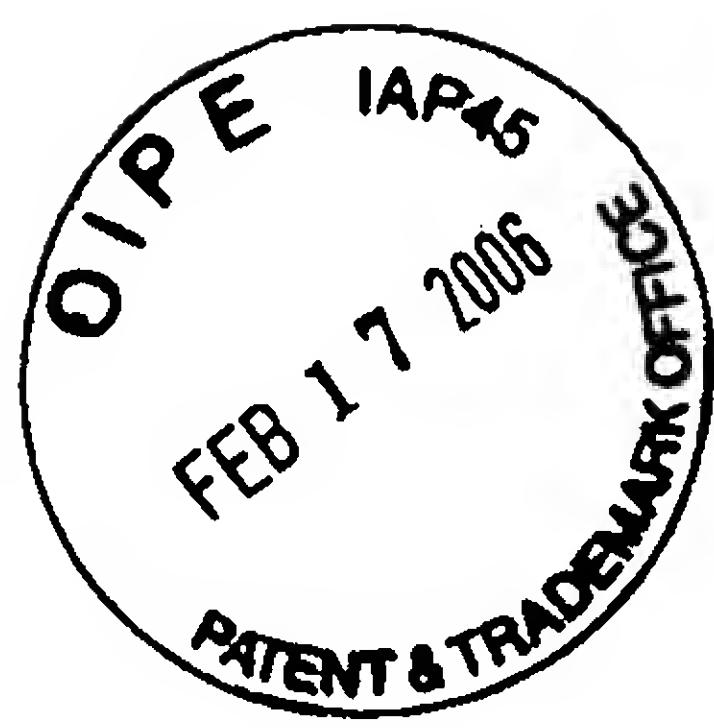


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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 6653**

**PATENT**

Customer No. 22,852

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
André MAARTENS et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1723  
Application No.: 10/090,802 ) Examiner: Ana M. Fortuna  
Filed: March 6, 2002 ) Confirmation No.: 6653  
For: MONITORING UNIT FOR )  
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OF A SEMI-PERMEABLE )  
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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the finality of the Office Action of January 26, 2006 in the above-identified application.

This request is not to be considered responsive as a reply under either 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 or 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 to the Office Action dated January 26, 2006.

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1, 4, 5, 8-15, 17-27, 30, 31, 33-43, 45, and 46 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph; claim 42 under 35 U.S.C. § 101; and claims 1, 4, 5, 8-15, 17-27, 30, 31, and 33-46 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. These rejections are based on new grounds that were not included in the Office Action of May 11, 2005.